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TREATMENT AND FRACTIONAL SKIN RESURFACING  
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0074] with the following amended paragraph:

[0074] The shape of the individual exposure areas 716 and the relative pattern represented by all of the individual exposure areas 716 may vary. The individual exposure areas 716 can have a circular, elliptical, rectangular, linear or irregular shape. The average distance between individual regions of ~~unexposed~~ exposed skin surface may be in the range between 10 to 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ , and preferably in the range of 100 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ . The macroscopic pattern of the individual exposure areas 716 may be a field of